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BOX PATENT APPLICATION  
Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to Rule 97 and in compliance with Rule 56, Applicant hereby makes of record the items listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed items are in parent application 09/306,752.

None of these items discloses the inventive concepts claimed in the subject application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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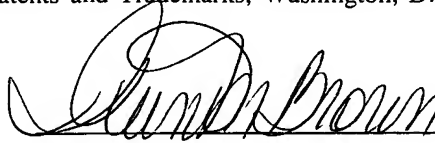
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